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SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY VISIT TO VIENTIANE

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF MESSAGE I HAVE JUST SENT CODEL MONTGOMERY VIA UNHCR: BEGIN TEXT: PLEASE PASS CHAIRMAN MONTGOMERY FROM CHARGE CORCORAN, VIENTIANE: (1) FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED ME OFFICIALLY AT 1000 HOURS MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, THAT FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER REGRET THAT MEETINGS REQUESTED NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF HEAVY SCHEDULES IN CONNECTION PREPARATION OPENING SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY. FOREIGN MINISTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE TIED UP FOR NEXT THREE DAYS.

MINISTRY HAD NO RPT NO ALTERNATIVE VISISTS TO SUGGEST.

(2) YOU MAY THEREFORE WISH TO CONSIDER RETURNING DIRECTLY FROM HANOI TO BANGKOK MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 22, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE AIR LAO'S DC-4 BROKE DOWN TODAY AND ITS ONLY OPERATIONAL DC-3 WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 1330 CONFIDENTIAL

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HOURS TUESDAY (COMMITED TO FLY IN-COUNTRY MISSION FOR

UNHCR IN MORNING). (3) WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVICE OF YOUR DECISION. DECEMBER 22, 1975. END TEXT.

2. DRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WHO INFORMED ME ORALLY OF FOREGOING ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SEND A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO LOOK FOR REMAINS IN LAOS. (HE ALLEGED KR. KENNY HAD ALREADY BEEN SO INFORMED DURING HIS VISIT.) DIRECTOR ADDED THAT THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT SECURITY AT THIS TIME TO PERMIT SUCH SEARCHES. SHOTS WERE STILL BEING FIRED IN THE MOUNTAINS AND MANY LAO SOLDIERS WERE BEING WOUNDED. SEARCH TEAMS COULD BE SENT ONLY WHEN GOVERNMENT COULD ASSURE THEIR SECURITY. CORCORAN

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